

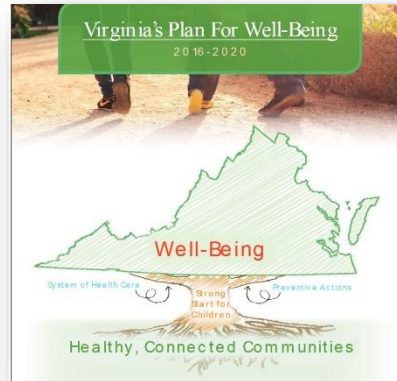


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Objectives:

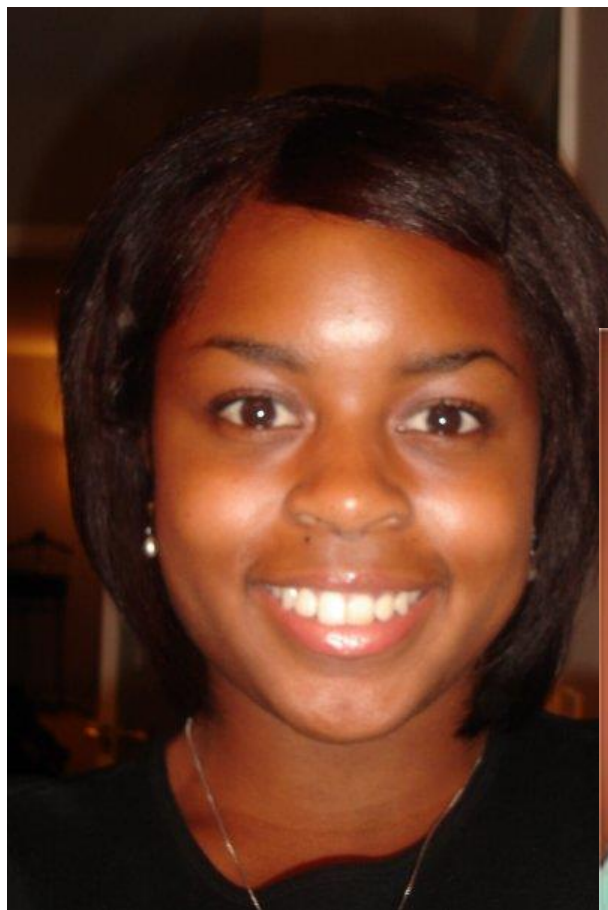
- Define Health Equity and Why is it important
- Discuss Ways People Find, Access, and Understand Health Equity Information
- Explain the Role of Health Equity in Data and/or Prevention Programs

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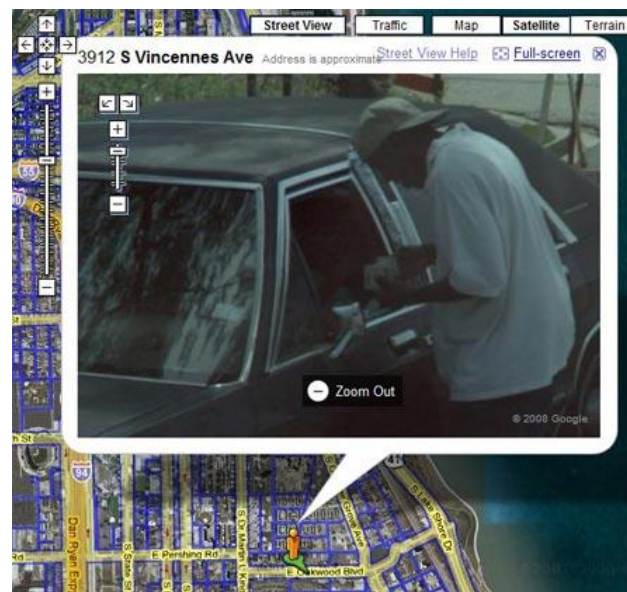


- Multicultural Health & Community Engagement
- Primary Care & Rural Health
- Social Epidemiology & Data















What is Health Equity?

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Equality vs. Equity

Equality



Equity



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What is Health Equity?

When all people and communities have the opportunity to attain their full potential and highest level of health

(CommonHealth ACTION, Braveman and Gruskin, 2003).

Equality ≠ Equity

Social Determinants of Health: social + life conditions

Economic Stability	Neighborhood and Physical Environment	Education	Food	Community and Social Context	Health Care System
Employment	Housing	Literacy	Hunger	Social integration	Health coverage
Income	Transportation	Language	Access to healthy options	Support systems	Provider availability
Expenses	Safety	Early childhood education		Community engagement	Provider linguistic and cultural competency
Debt	Parks	Vocational training		Discrimination	Quality of care
Medical bills	Playgrounds	Higher education			
Support	Walkability				

Health Outcomes

Mortality, Morbidity, Life Expectancy, Health Care Expenditures, Health Status, Functional Limitations

What is the purpose of the enhanced National CLAS Standards?

The National CLAS Standards are intended to advance health equity, improve quality, and help eliminate health care disparities by establishing a blueprint for health and health care organizations to implement and provide culturally and linguistically appropriate services.

Source: <https://www.thinkculturalhealth.hhs.gov/Content/clas.asp>

What are the National CLAS Standards?



- ☐ The National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services in Health and Health Care
- ☐ First published by the HHS Office of Minority Health in 2000
- ☐ Provided a framework for organizations to best serve the nation's diverse communities
- ☐ Underwent an Enhancement Initiative from 2010 to 2013
- ☐ Launched the enhanced CLAS Standards in April 2013

Cultural Competency- A Leg of the Stool



WHAT IS CULTURAL COMPETENCE?



Advancing Health Equity Through Data Analysis:

Federal Health
Professional Shortage
Area & Medically
Underserved Area
Designations

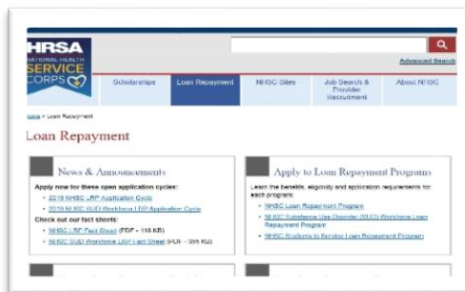


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National Health
Service Corps
Site Technical
Assistance



Factors that Affect Health

Examples

Smallest
Impact

Counseling
& Education

Eat healthy, be
physically active

Clinical
Interventions

Rx for high blood
pressure, high
cholesterol, diabetes

Long-lasting
Protective Interventions

Immunizations, brief
intervention, cessation
treatment, colonoscopy

Changing the Context
*to make individuals' default
decisions healthy*

Fluoridation, 0g trans
fat, iodization, smoke-
free laws, tobacco tax

Socioeconomic Factors

Poverty, education,
housing, inequality

Largest
Impact

Appreciating the Impact of Health Determinants

The choices we make are shaped by the choices we have

All policies impact health

Change will come when there is recognition that we all pay the price for poor health

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